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TAGS: PGOV, SHUM, CI
SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT; THREE CHILEANS UNDER PROVISIONAL
DETENTION

1. THE GOC ISSUED A STATEMENT THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 1 (FULL
TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL) WHICH SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD
COMPLIED WITH OUR REQUEST AND PLACED MANUEL CONTRERAS, PEDRO
ESPINOZA AND ARMANDO FERNANDEZ UNDER PREVENTIVE MILITARY ARREST.
THE STATEMENT NOTES THAT THE PROVISIONAL DETENTION COULD LAST
UP TO TWO MONTHS BUT THAT IT WILL END IMMEDIATELY IF A REQUEST FOR
EXTRADITION IS IMPROPERLY PRESENTED.

2. THE CHILEAN ARMY ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT LAST
NIGHT. IT SAYS THAT CONTRERAS AND ESPINOZA HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO
STAY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOUSES AND THAT FERNANDEZ IS RESTRICTED
TO THE MILITARY HOSPITAL (PRESUMABLY HERE IN SANTIAGO). IT SAYS
THAT ALL THREE ARE UNDER MILITARY GUARD AND CUSTODY. THE ARMY
STATEMENT CONCLUDES THAT "INDICTMENTS DO NOT NORMALLY MEAN ALL
THE OFFICERS NAMED MAY BE GUILTY OF THE CRIMES WITH WHICH THEY
ARE CHARGED. THIS ACTION (PREVENTIVE DETENTION) HAS BEEN TAKEN
SOLELY IN ACCORD WITH THE TREATY OF EXTRADITION IN FORCE BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES".

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